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Invention: System and Method for Measuring  
Deep Sea Currents

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the following be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that the following is material to the patentability of the present application.

On or about November 15, 1999, a water current measurement system was offered for sale to BHP Petroleum (Americas). On or about April 12, 2000, a test of a water current

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measurement system was performed. In both instances, the water current measurement system offered for sale or tested included an ROV, an ADCP coupled to the ROV, and a computer system for receiving data and processing data in real time. In both instances, the water current measurement system offered for sale or tested did not include the processing of depth or heading data from an ADCP.

A check for \$180.00 is enclosed for the submission of this information disclosure statement, which is submitted before the conclusion of the period specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c).

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